



July 2023

The Elks Tale

Flemington Elks Lodge #1928



*Exalted Ruler
Randall S. Kerr – P.E.R.*

Lodge Officers – 2023 - 2024

..... Exalted Ruler	Randall S. Kerr, PER
..... Est. Leading Knight	Michele Seber
..... Est. Loyal Knight	Lee Trautman, PDD
..... Est. Lecturing Knight	Vincent LaSpada
..... Treasurer	George Upton, PER
..... Secretary	Barry Sheppard, PER
..... Tiler	Todd Hunt
..... Inner Guard	Eric Anderson
..... Chaplain	Mauro Fanelli, PER
..... Esquire	Gregory Fritz
..... Trustee - 1 Year	Robert Mikesh
..... Trustee - 2 Year	John Lombardi
..... Trustee - 3 Year	Cynthia Orsi-Kuhl
..... Trustee - 4 Year	William Trstensky
..... Trustee - 5 Year	Marc Cunningham

Officers of the Auxiliary

..... President	Patti DeLuca
..... Vice President	Deborah Keyes
..... Treasurer	Suzanne Lucas, PP
..... Secretary	Laura Karnoff
..... Trustee	Linda Upton, PP

2022 - 2023
Elk of the Year:
Citizen of the Year:
Officer of the Year:

Monthly Lodge Meetings

Lodge Members: September to June:
2nd & 4th Wednesday - 7:30 PM
July, August & December: 2nd Wednesday Only - 7:30 PM

Auxiliary Members: September to June:
2nd Tuesday - 7:15 PM

Committee Chairs 2022-2023

Accident Prevention	Robert Mikesh	908.644.0526
Americanism	TBD	
Army of Hope	Bruce Totten, PDD	908.246.0526
Auditing & Accounting	Bruce Totten, PDD	908.246.0526
Better Parades	Gregory Fritz	
Building & Grounds	Robert Mikesh	908.644.0526
Communications	Carmella Shaw	
Community Affairs	TBD	
Community Activities.	TBD	
Drug Awareness.	TBD	
Elks Tale Editor	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER	201.341.3071
Fraternal Committee	Lee Trautman, PDD ..	908.996.6724
Fundraising	Carmella Shaw	
Government Relations	Eric Anderson	908.439.2532
Hoop/Soccer Shoot	William Lesiak	
House Committee ..	William Trsentsky	908.334.7661
	Randall Kerr, PER ...	908.328.4091
Lodge Activities	John Lombardi.....	908.295.4345
Long Range Planning	Bruce Totten, PDD ...	908.246.0526
Mediator	Lee Trautman, PDD .	908.996.6724
Membership	Barry Sheppard, PER	908.963.7835
National Foundation	Daniel J Petitt, Sr., PER	201.341.3071
National Service	Gregory Fritz	908.386.0407
PER Association	Gregory Bodnar, PVP	908.752.9988
Public Relations	Cynthia Orsi	732.966.5704
Scholarship	Jeff Anderson	908.439.2532
Sickness and Distress	Michele Seber	908.442.1499
Social/Comm. Welfare	TBD	
Special Needs Children	Suzanne Lucas	609.309.5238
Standing Relief	Lodge Officers	
Youth Activities	William Lesiak	908.787.8746
	Andrea Kennedy	908.581.2522
Website	Carmella Shaw	

The above are listed as the Committee Chairpersons. If you would like to participate in any of these committees, please contact the Chairperson. The lodge can always use an extra hand in accomplishing our goal of supporting the community and it will make it easier for that committee to succeed. If you wish to become a Chairperson, then contact the Exalted Ruler for more information.

PER ASSOCIATION

The PER's (Past Exalted Rulers) are scheduled to meet on Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 PM in the conference room. If any lodge member has any concerns or questions or even a great idea, please don't hesitate to ask any active **PER** for answers, since we work with the Exalted Ruler and the lodge officers. Our thanks to all who support our lodge.

Fraternally,
Greg Bodnar PVP
PER Association President

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

I would like to thank the new members and especially the existing members who have really stepped up to the plate and that will help our lodge continue and if anyone needs help in their endeavors I will always be there for you please contact me. We can only be as strong as our membership and that's how we will survive but me and the lodge will work closer together to make sure we are successful. Thank You All.

Bill Trstensky
Trustee

B.P.O.E INFORMATION

The Flemington Elks lodge website is: www.flemingtonelks.com for information on upcoming events, lodge happenings, pictures, functions, and general lodge information.

The Elks Tale is posted on our website on the 1st of each month!

We also have a Facebook Page (public): **Flemington Elks Lodge #1928**
and a West Central District Group (members only): **West Central District**

**There are also nationwide groups where members can
find information about the world of Elkdom:**

BPOE News

We Are Elks

I am an Elk from New Jersey

**Please visit these Facebook pages for more information from the
Grand Lodge and other Lodges that pertain to all Members of the Elks**

A Message from the Lodge Secretary

The lodge is always updating the membership files and it is vital to send in any new information if you have a change of address or phone number or a different e-mail address so that the lodge can keep you informed.

Contact Barry Sheppard, PER
C/O Flemington Elks Lodge #1928
P.O. Box 261
Flemington, NJ 08822

(or drop your new information in the Secretary's Mailbox at the Lodge)

The Auxiliary of Lodge # 1928

School's out for the summer! And so is the Auxiliary, meeting wise that is. We still have events happening throughout the summer.

For a quick update, let's start with the Auxiliary trip to NYC to see the show "SIX". The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed their day and the show. For the 1st time in several years the Lodge & Auxiliary marched in the Flemington Memorial Day parade. A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out and joined in.

The Auxiliary is once again hosting the Clam Bake & BBQ on Sunday July 30, 2023. 2pm to 6pm. Music by the Back Brook Band and Comedy & Magic by GEMINI. Buffet is \$20 adults, \$10 kids 7 to 12 and under 7 free. Clams by the dozen at current market price. Cash bar. Info & tickets 908-528-7328. Bingo is still on for the summer! Don't miss your chance to win! Next bingo is Thursday July 6, 2023.

The Auxiliary would like to update the members list. If you have any changes or additions to your address, phone number or email please let us know. We love when are members come out to support our events by either enjoying the event, helping out or bringing their family & friends to join in the fun.

Enjoy the summer and see you in September but hopefully before.

Patti DeLuca

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT



Robert E. Rowe 3.5.23 Floyd L. Evans, Jr 3.13.23

David B. Miller 3.14.23 Arthur W. Rockafellow 3.17.23

Howard 'Kenny' Quick, Jr. 5.6.23

**Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken.
Morning and noon may pass them by,
the light of day sink heedlessly in the West,
but ere the shadows of midnight shall fall,
the chimes of memory will be pealing forth the friendly message:
"To Our Absent Members."**

Funeral Services

A reminder to all members and their families that should a Lodge Member pass away, the Lodge Officers will conduct a Funeral Service at the family's request.

Please contact the Exalted Ruler or Lodge Secretary for arrangements.

Sickness and Distress

If you know of a Lodge Member who is ill, home bound or in the hospital please notify the Exalted Ruler or the Lodge Secretary so that information can be posted on the 'Sickness and Distress' board and a visitation can be arranged.

Our Brothers and Sisters need to know that we care about them during their time of illness.

**** Lapsation ****



It's never too late to send in your dues. As a delinquent member, you are not allowed to use the facilities, attend meetings, and cannot be sponsored by a member in good standing.

Please remit your dues of \$81.00 for the year 2023-2024 to the Lodge Secretary

As of today there are 291 members of this lodge with 33 members who have yet to submit their dues

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SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN COMMITTEE

I would like to thank everyone who has continued to support our efforts to raise money for the Special Needs Committee. It is so important that we do not lose sight of our goals to care for those disabled and to those families who can appreciate a 'helping hand' from the Flemington Lodge.

Please come out and enjoy the company and friendship of the Auxiliary and Lodge Members when an event is held so that the little ones can also enjoy their moment in the sun.

Regards,

Suzanne Lucas
Chairperson



Something to think about

**In Okmulgee, Oklahoma you cannot take a picture of a man with a wooden leg.
WHY NOT?**



Who are You??????????????

These e-mails listed below have been returned as "Undeliverable". If you recognize any part of it that belongs to you please send an e-mail to Dan Petitt at dandee350@yahoo.com with the correct or new address

coleen.devlin@lcloud.com

misty12382@msn.net

jimdexcel@myexcel.com

bycarpet@aol.com

shotgunbill14@gmail.com



HOUSE COMMITTEE NEWS

No report available.

Next House Committee meeting is not scheduled.

House Committee Co-Chair

Randy Kerr, **PER**



**Grill Room Hours:
6pm to 10pm Tue to Sat
Sunday 1245pm to???**

Don't forget that every Sunday the Grill Room is open for watching the NASCAR races and now the USFL Football League is playing as well as Major League Baseball. (METS, YANKEES & PHILLIES)

Your host and bartender, Michele, will have the TV's set to watch all of the sports action. Doors open at 1245pm.



MEETING NIGHT



Attendance at the Lodge Meetings is a very important part of being a member of the B.P.O.E.. During these lodge sessions you can participate in any discussion concerning the lodge and vote on issues that will also affect the lodge and membership. Your voice can be heard and it will make a difference.

All of the Lodge Officers are required to attend on a regular basis because that is what you volunteered for.

And, of course, after the meeting you can spend some quality time with other members.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the 2023-2024

New Jersey State Elks Association

State President

Joseph Pedone

and

West Central District,

District Deputy Designate Ed Leib

and

Dan Erickson, West Central District Vice-President



Ramblings by Rich

Hello Everyone,

We just returned from visiting a new Chinese restaurant in our area. Speaking of Chinese food, do you know how to make an egg roll? You push it.

Eileen thought that I'd never be able to make a car out of spaghetti. You should have seen her face when I drove pasta (past her). We went to a baseball game last night and there was one player who was such a bad sport that he stole third base and then just went home. Eileen told me that there were moose falling from the sky. I told her no, it's reindeer.

I read a story about people who can't fall asleep. Sleeping is easy for me. I could do it with my eyes closed. I have also managed to successfully weigh a rainbow. Turns out it was pretty light! Do you know why I like elevator jokes? Because they work on so many levels!



Would you believe that someone glued my deck of cards together? I don't know how to deal with it!

That's it for this month, but I will leave you with a question. If you mix vodka with orange juice and milk of magnesia would you get a Philips Screwdriver?

Keep on smiling!

PDD Rich

July 2023

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2	3 Blood Bank	4 	5	6	7	8
						
9	10	11 Auxiliary Meeting	12 Lodge Meeting	13	14	15
16	17 Blood Bank	18	19 Raffle Drawing	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Clambake	31					



GRAND LODGE CONVENTION
JULY 2 TO JULY 5, 2023
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

More.....



Clam Bake & Barbeque Buffet

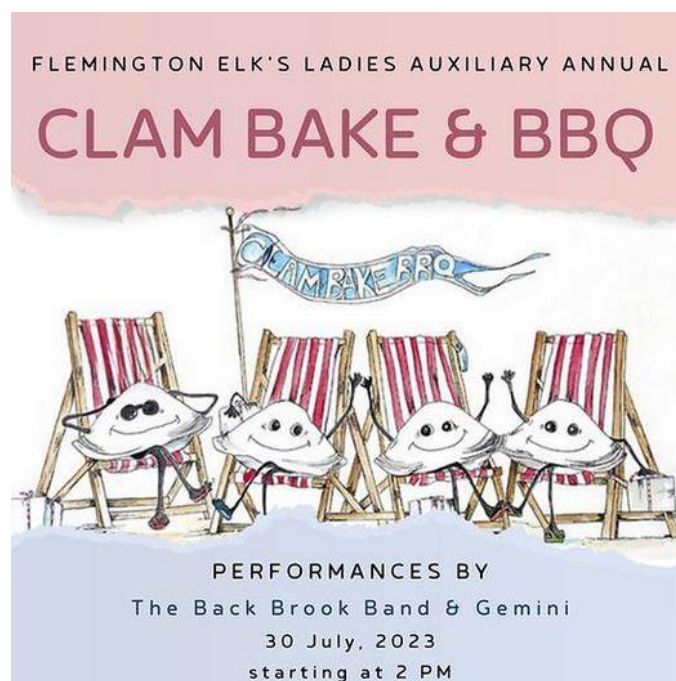
Sponsored by the Auxiliary

Sunday, July 30th, 2:00 PM – ???

Clam Bake & BBQ buffet sponsored by the Lodge Auxiliary to benefit Special Needs Children's organization.

Music by the Back Brook Band; magic and comedy by Gemini.

BBQ buffet (\$20 per adult; \$10 per child between 7-12; free for younger children). Clams by the dozen - current market price. Cash bar. Information and tickets, contact Patti at 908-528-7328



Comedy Night

THE LAST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH
AT THE FLEMINGTON ELKS

\$10 TICKETS

Featuring:
our very own, GEMINI
& LOCAL COMEDIANS

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BINGO NIGHT

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH
DOORS OPEN: 6:00PM
GAMES BEGIN: 7:30PM

FLEMINGTON ELKS

165 NJ-31 South,
Flemington, NJ 08822



Best Wishes to Our Members who are Celebrating their Special Day during July

1. Joseph Kanaby – PDD, Rosemarie P. Dickison
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
6. Gundegard Sornberger
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
10. William Trstensky
- 11.
- 12.
13. Scott Steele
14. James Thatch
- 15.
- 16.
- 17.
18. Ernest Fletcher, Charles A. Smith
19. Ralph Fortunato, Robert Kennedy
20. Nicole Gares, Joyce Joyce
- 21.
22. Louis Cestra
23. Albert Kieschner
- 24.
- 25.
26. Donald DeLuca, Sr.
- 27.
28. William Decker
29. Charles Fisher, Louis Monaco
30. Ronald Cozze, Richard Lavagno – PDD, Richard Masaitis
31. Ralph Melbourn

The Flemington Elks Lodge will benefit from your used clothing and books.

The lodge will receive remuneration for all items that are donated.

A used clothing drop-off shed is in the lodge parking lot with the help of Turnkey Enterprises, LLC. Items accepted: clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes and stuffed toys. Please do not leave any other items.



Drop off old hard cover or paperbacks in the book bin.





Due to the overwhelming response to the raffle and the outpouring of love for the Flemington Elks Lodge we were able to have a double drawing.

The winning numbers of the June Raffle are:

		<u>1st Draw</u>	<u>2nd Draw</u>
1st Place	-	0232	0767
2nd Place	-	0184	0401
3rd Place	-	0270	0552

FYI – The lodge is sponsoring another raffle for the month of July. Ask the bartenders for your entry and the drawing will be Wednesday July 19th in the Grill Room.

The Annual Flag Day Ceremony was conducted by members of the Flemington Elks Lodge #1928 at the regular meeting on June 14, 2023



AS REQUIRED BY GRAND LODGE STATUTE, THE MEMBERS PERFORMED A ROUSING RENDITION OF THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FLAG.





Volunteers needed for these committees:

Americanism

A program of the Elks' Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee. The Americanism essay contest is based on a patriotic theme for students in 5th through 8th grade to promote patriotism.

Community Affairs & Activities

Liaison between the lodge and the local communities to ensure that their needs are provided for by our commitments

Drug Awareness

The Elks Drug Awareness Program distributes literature and organizes events to make kids and their parents aware of the dangers posed by alcohol, tobacco and illegal drugs. The Elks are committed to eliminating the use and abuse of illegal drugs by all members of society and believe that in order to ensure a bright future for our country, it is essential that our children be raised in a drug-free environment.

Lodge Activities

Some of the activities the Flemington Lodge conducts are a Flag Day Ceremony, participating in a local Memorial Day Parade or celebration, having a regularly scheduled Blood Bank, Bingo games each month and an Elk of the Year Celebration.

*****Of course, if you wish to help out on any other committee please contact that Committee Chairperson or the Exalted Ruler for more information*****

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This is the interior of the former Plainfield, NJ Elks Lodge. The membership dropped and the remaining members lost interest for many reasons. The building was sold and renovated for another purpose.

Could this happen to your lodge?